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## PATENT APPLICATION

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: IMAGE READ-OUT METHOD AND SYSTEM, SOLID IMAGE SENSOR, AND IMAGE DETECTING SHEET

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:****Please enter the following amended claims:**

31. (Amended) An image read-out method of obtaining an image signal bearing thereon image information by use of a stimulable phosphor sheet having a layer on the stimulable phosphor which emits stimulated emission in proportion to the stored energy of radiation upon exposure to stimulating light and a solid image sensor having a photoconductive material layer which exhibits electric conductivity upon exposure to stimulated emission from the stimulable phosphor sheet and by scanning with stimulating light a stimulable phosphor sheet which has been exposed to radiation and has stored thereon an image, causing the

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